

# QUESTIONS THAT MATTER.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:25-35

1. **BELONG** – This section isn't filler, but an intentional time to slow down and assess how people are doing in their personal and spiritual lives. Feel free to change the questions, but the point is to truly sit in this moment to allow time and space for encouraging spiritual connection.
  - A. In which area of your life have you invested the most time, energy, or finances?
  - B. How would you feel if somebody told you to give that up? What would make that sacrifice worthwhile?
  
2. **DISCOVER** – Read Luke 14:25-35 together in your group and discuss the questions below. Remember, this is meant to be a dialogue, not a monologue. Being a Life Group leader doesn't mean you have to be a subject matter expert on the Bible. It simply means that you are the lead learner. This section is all about discovering the Word together.
  - A. How would you summarize the primary theme of this section of Scripture to someone who hasn't read it before?
  - B. What encouragement do you find in the passage? What's challenging or uncomfortable?
  - C. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **God**?
    - Can you think of any other passages in Scripture that support this truth?
  - D. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **mankind**?
    - Can you think of any other passages in Scripture that support this truth?
  - E. Look again at verse 26. What does Jesus mean when He uses the word "hate" in reference to hating one's own family and life?
  
3. **GO** – Take time to apply the text. Once we hear truth, we are called to live it out. If our groups just sit and talk about information, they won't experience transformation. This section is about self-reflection and helping one another be accountable to live out what we're learning.
  - A. When has a close relationship been a hinderance to your whole-hearted devotion to Jesus?
  - B. What is one of the costliest things that you lost when you decided to follow Jesus? How hard or easy has it been to give that up?
  - C. How would you describe the cost of following Jesus to someone who has not made that decision? What does discipleship truly cost considering eternity?
  - D. What does it look like for you, as a follower of Christ, to give up everything, and why do you think Jesus states this as a price that most won't be willing to pay?
  
4. **PRAYER** – Petition the Lord together as you close out your group time with outward focused prayer.
  - A. Take time to pray together through some of the needs and tensions that group members are bringing with them into the group.
  - B. Ask God to give us boldness and wisdom to see the actual cost of NOT following Jesus in any given area of our lives.